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In re the application of:

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For: SALMONELLA VACCINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fee in the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1- 11 as follows.

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1. (amended) [Bacterium] A mutated bacterium of the genus Salmonella that in its wild type form carries flagella, said bacterium [not being capable to induce antibodies against] lacking at least one antigenic determinant of flagellin or flagella[, for use in a vaccine for the protection of humans or animals against Salmonellosis] found in its wild type form.

2. (amended) [Bacterium] The bacterium according to claim 1, wherein said bacterium [is not capable to induce antibodies against] lacks at least one antigenic determinant of flagellin or flagella due to a mutation in a gene of the flagellar biogenesis pathway.

3. (amended) [Bacterium] The bacterium according to claim 2, wherein said mutation is located in the flagellin gene.

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